

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

IF IT BECOMES REQUIRED SOMEONE SHOULD HELP PAY.
MEDICARE SHOULD BE INCREASED TO COVER IT.

ON A FIXED INCOME IT IS DIFFICULT TO HAVE A
BUNCH OF TESTS THAT REALLY ARE NOT NEEDED. I KNOW
IF I CAN HEAR OR NOT. & PLACES THAT HAVE FREE EXAMS ARE ONLY
2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or ^{FURTHER} ^{PRODUCT.}
have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I DO NOT DRIVE AND THE LAST HEARING TEST WAS AT
THE MALL OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AND ON THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE CITY. THE BUS DOES NOT COME NEAR MY HOME AND
RUNS A WEIRD SCHEDULE.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

NO, EVERYONE COMPLAINS ABOUT THE PRICE OF
MEDICARE. DR'S REQUIRE TESTS THAT ARE REALLY NEEDED
FOR SIMPLE THINGS AND NOT FOR THINGS THAT CAN
SAVE OR IMPROVE LIFE.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

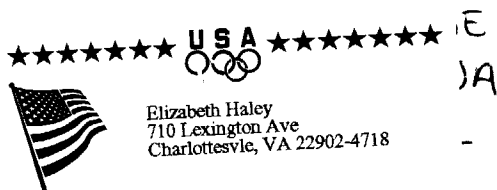
YES, I HAVE ORDERED SEVERAL. THEY DID NOT
WORK FOR ME BUT I WAS ABLE TO TRY THEM AND RETURN
FOR A FULL REFUND. THESE COMPANIES (MORCLE EAR, BELTONE)
HAVE NONE REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS, THIS HAS COST ME SEVERAL
HUNDRED DOLLARS I NEED. MAKE THEM GIVE FULL REFUNDS

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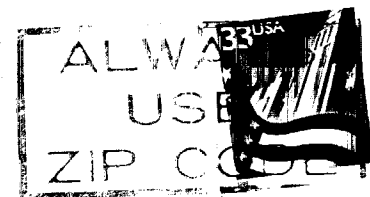
Date: 3/8/2000 AND THIS COULD
HELP A LOT.

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